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THE WEATHER TO-DAY: FAIR.

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## FAIR RUNS ABOVE TUESDAY RECORD MADE LAST YEAR

Attendance Gains Steadily, Verdict Being Best Show Ever Held.

## RICHMOND WILL CELEBRATE TO-DAY

All Eyes on Corn Prize and Aeroplane, Though Exhibits Generally Are Warmly Praised—Judges Begin Difficult Work of Awarding Honors to Kings.

### Richmond Day Program

Gates open 8 A. M.  
All exhibits open 8 A. M.  
Judging begins 10 A. M.  
Horse races, 1 P. M.  
Hunting races, 3 P. M.  
Aeroplane flights after 12 noon.  
Fireworks, 8 P. M.

SURPASSING by far the crowd of the day before, which itself surpassed the crowd of the first day of the fair last year, people thronged in thousands the State Fair Grounds yesterday, participating equally in the enjoyment of the races, the free vaudeville attractions, the side shows on Wah Hoo Lane and the numerous exhibits relating to farming, stock-raising and manufacturing. People passed to and fro all day long, and one person barely left his stand before it was filled by another. The grandstand was much better filled than on Monday, and around the fence and in the byways traversing the exhibits, the great majority congregated to take in the sights that make the fair.

**Extraordinary Exhibits.**  
It is hard to realize the extent of the exhibits and the variety of the attractions in one visit, for the panorama is so vast that it will take at least the week in which to view everything there is to be seen, especially to make a survey of the stock and farm products.

In the corn exhibit there are 12,000 ears; there are hundreds of pumpkins; there are exhibits of rye, wheat and oats, corn on the stalk and in the shock; there are garden products, fruits and everything else that grows in Virginia. The corn exhibit is the largest—the largest single exhibit ever seen here, and farmers say that it is the best they have ever seen. Horticulturists come in for a general display; dairymen have much to show; poultry fanciers are exhibiting every known variety of fowl, both wild and domestic species, the wild turkey, both American and Mexican, being prominently on display, and the first grower is also much in evidence.

In referring to the exhibit of cattle, Henry Fairfax, president of the Virginia State Fair Association, said, "People don't realize the class of cattle on show here. It is the finest without doubt, and better quality than people should come out to see it." He said that the mules are the best in their class, and that the other classes of live stock are perfectly wonderful in quality, and as good as may be found anywhere in America.

Judging of the stock began yesterday morning, and continued all through the day. The candidates were brought into rings, with circus seats ranged around, and in which the judges received as much attention as anything else, many women looking on with their husbands and brothers.

The horses, thoroughbred and standard-bred trotters, showed up in larger numbers and in better quality than ever before in a State fair. There are on exhibit ex-champions and junior champions from the international show of last year. Percherons which have been covered with blue ribbons, tremendous hackneys and draught horses.

**Crowd Enjoyed Races.**  
That the attendance is much larger than it seems to be by a cursory survey of the crowd in the grandstand, is attested by the gate receipts, which, for Monday, the first day, showed that the attendance was much in excess of that of the opening day last year, and it must have been fully doubled yesterday, for the entire grounds were covered with moving masses. More conveniences were afforded for carriages and motor vehicles, which were parked.

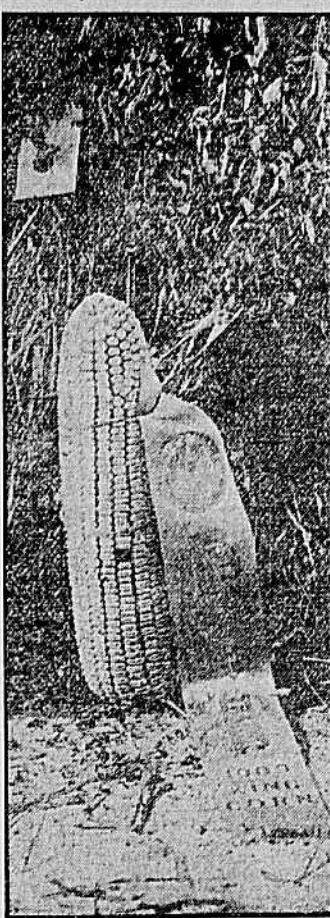
The races went off with more dispatch than on the first day, and were more spirited, especially in the trotting events, some of which were especially close and exciting. The steeplechase resulted in the unusual form of falls, and it must have been a very close race at the jumps. James Martin, a colored jockey, broke his collarbone, and Richard Tyler, colored, was severely knocked and rendered unconscious. Both were treated in the Emergency Hospital, where physicians and city doctors take turns in tending the sick and injured.

Again, as on the first day, the flight of the Curtiss aeroplane was the thrilling feature of the afternoon, three ascensions being made by the Golden Flier. The third flight resulted in an unfortunate landing, which smashed the rudder and rendered the machine helpless. The break occurred in the western end of the field, and the machine was rolled back to its tent.

During the interim between the races the audience in the grandstand enjoyed the free vaudeville in front, where dancing girls were favored for their delight and wily acrobats disported themselves in exciting manoeuvres in the air. A band played between the events, and as an accompaniment to the free shows.

**Took in All Shows.**  
Before the races the great crowd went through the exhibits, seeing all the array of horses, cattle, swine, (Continued on Page Four—Column 5.)

### First Prize, State Class



WON BY J. T. THORNTON,  
Port Royal, Va.

## DEATH FORESTALLS HER HOME-COMING

Marquise de Merinville Dies Just Before Her Vessel Reaches Quarantine.

NEW YORK, October 5.—The Marquise Marie Des Montiers-Merinville, who, before her marriage, was Miss May Caldwell, of Louisville, Ky., and New York City, prominent socially here and in the South, died on the steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie just before the vessel reached quarantine to-day. Bright's disease being the cause of her death. She was forty-six years old. Her sister, Baroness Lodewitz, has been notified of her death, and the body will be kept on the ship until directions are received from her regarding funeral arrangements.

As Miss Caldwell, the Marquise gave a large sum of money for the founding of the Catholic University at Washington, and is said to have received a medal from the Pope in recognition of her services to the church. The Marquise had been blind and deaf for several years.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 5.—The death of the Marquise Marie Des Montiers-Merinville, who before her marriage was Miss Caldwell, of Louisville, to-day caused genuine regret among the authorities of the Catholic University of America here, although it is said that the relations between that institution and the Marquise had been somewhat strained since her withdrawal from the Catholic Church in 1905, prior to which time the university profited by her munificence. The authorities at the university say that they have only the kindest recollections of the Marquise's generosity.

The university was the recipient of gifts from the Marquise of more than \$300,000. Caldwell Hall, one of its main buildings, was named in her honor.

Serving, in 1905, all connection with the church, the Marquise insisted that her portrait be removed from Caldwell Hall. Later she demanded that her name be erased from the hall, both of which requests were granted.

The Misses Caldwell came here several years ago and occupied a fashionable residence and entertained lavishly. Subsequently, the younger sister, Miss Lina Caldwell, was married in the chapel of the university by Bishop Spalding to Baron Von Zedwitz, then attaché of the German Embassy here. The couple afterward lived abroad, the baron losing his wife when her yacht and that of the German emperor were in collision. The elder sister afterwards became engaged to the Prince Murat, but the engagement was broken off. Subsequently she was married to the Marquis De Merinville, but a separation followed shortly afterwards.

The Marquise Marie Des Montiers-Merinville was well known in Richmond, where, as Miss Caldwell, she had visited on several occasions.

**HELD IN MEXICAN PRISON**  
American Fisherman Not Permitted to Return Home.

PENSACOLA, Fla., October 5.—After being held in a Mexican prison at Progreso since September 4, and for the first time since his capture, Captain Joseph Sease and seven men of the fishing schooner Caldwell, which was broken off by a submarine, were released to-day, according to a telegram received by the owners of the vessel from the American consul. At the same time a letter reached here from Progreso from the captain, who states that he is not allowed to communicate with the American consul, nor with the officials of this port, who have been arrested. The Mexicans have refused to give up the schooner, having lodged a formal complaint against her for poaching. The master of the schooner claims that he was caught in the Gulf of Mexico nearly three weeks ago and so badly damaged that he went into Progreso for repairs, but was seized immediately.

**60.75 TO CALIFORNIA**  
Via Washington Sunset Route. Tourist car, without chairs, Oct. 8, \$8.50. Liberal stopovers. Office 920 East Main Street.

## KENT SENDS SHARP ANSWER TO LEAGUE

Views With Suspicion Its Questions on Liquor Legislation, He Says.

### CAN'T SEE WHY THEY ARE ASKED

Not Willing to Be Interrogated by Men Who Will Vote Against Him, He Declares, on Points at Variance With Platform of League.

DECLARING that he views with suspicion the series of questions propounded to him by the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, and that he does not recognize the right of its president, Rev. H. P. Atkins, to catechize him as to temperance legislation other than that adopted and advocated by the league as an organization, Captain William P. Kent, the Republican nominee for Governor, has written a caustic reply to the series of interrogatories submitted by the league.

In his response, which was sent yesterday from Winchester, Captain Kent refers to the fact that at its last meeting the Anti-Saloon League declared for the principle of local option as the best method of dealing with the liquor traffic at present.

In view of this action, he is unable to see why he should be called upon to say what he would do with legislation at variance with the purposes of the organization.

Furthermore, Captain Kent says he is indispensed to be questioned by men who are going to vote against him, as practically the entire membership of the executive committee of the league is pledged to the support of Judge Mann. He apparently has some difficulty in seeing how his views and purposes can interest the officials of the league, inasmuch as they will not vote for him in any case, no matter what he says.

**Captain Kent's Reply.**  
Captain Kent's letter, which will be of much interest to the people of the State at this time, is as follows:

"In reply to the questions submitted by you as president of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, I beg to say, as of course you know, that I have been nominated as the candidate of the Republican party for Governor of Virginia on a declaration of principles set forth in its platform. The clause in that platform relating to the subjects of liquor traffic is as follows: 'We favor the traditional Republican doctrine of local option, counties and cities to be the unit in all elections to decide whether or not liquor shall be sold, and demand rigid regulation and strict enforcement of the laws.'"

"In accepting the Republican nomination I accepted therewith the platform adopted by my party, and I elected Governor shall endeavor to carry out the policies and pledges therein contained.

"I am advised that at the last meeting of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, held at Norfolk, the official action of the league in convention assembled, declared for the principle of local option as the best method of dealing with the liquor traffic at present. It will be seen from the above quotation from the Republican platform, that my party has taken a position in advance of that adopted by your league in its latest convention. Therefore, I now wish to inquire by what authority you propound the many questions contained in your interrogatories, which are at variance with the well-defined purposes of the organization which you assume to represent in submitting the series of interrogatories I received. I do not recognize your right in the capacity of an official of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia to catechize me as to temperance legislation other than that adopted and advocated by your league as an organization.

**Deviates in Regulation.**  
"In referring to the suggested legislation, I beg to say that I am in favor of the proper regulation of the liquor traffic to the end that temperance may be promoted among the people, and I will say that in a general way it meets my approval, and if the proposed laws were drafted and enacted by the Legislature, in the event of my election I would approve them.

"In considering your interrogatories you must remember that I am not unmindful of the fact that practically the entire executive committee of your organization is committed to the candidacy and support of my opponent.

"Such being the case, I naturally regard with suspicion the series of questions propounded to me, which are so openly at variance with the principles adopted by your organization in convention assembled.

"I desire to make the formal request that you publish for the information of the rank and file of your organization throughout the Commonwealth a list of the members of your executive committee as shown on your printed letterhead who voted for my opponent in the recent Democratic primary, so that the people of Virginia may know whether or not you are submitting these interrogatories without prejudice to the candidates of my opponent. And if this should be true, I would like to inquire why you submit these interrogatories when no matter what my answer may be, it could not affect your action or vote in the coming election."

**Will Build Railway.**  
BLUEFIELD, W. Va., October 5.—A short line of railroad to connect three new coal mines with the Norfolk and Western Railway, it is said, will be built up Little Toms Creek by the Virginia Iron and Coal Company.

## LEAGUE TO SOUND STATE ON LIQUOR

Anti-Saloon Workers to Get Sentiment as to Vote by People.

### BELIEVE TIME RIPE FOR CHANGE

Executive Committee Seeks Information for the Guidance of Convention to Be Held Here in January—Want People to Fix Date of Election.

THAT State-wide prohibition will shortly be the one absorbing political issue in Virginia there is hardly a doubt. The executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League, at a meeting just held in Richmond, instructed its workers, which include the State superintendent and the four district superintendents, to ascertain the sentiment of the people on the passage of a law by the next General Assembly giving the people the right to call by petition an election of the question of State-wide prohibition. Under such a waiver, a law the people would fix the date in the petition; a certain percentage of the qualified voters would be necessary on it, and should the result of the special election be in favor of prohibition, the law passed by the Legislature would fix the time when it would be effective.

Superintendent James Cannon, Jr., of the league, told The Times-Dispatch last night that in his personal opinion the time has come for such action.

The executive committee of the league decided that its next convention should be held in Richmond on January 13, 19 and 20 next. Dr. Cannon said that the date for holding this convention has varied in different years, it having been held in December, in January and in February in former years. The meeting of the committee was held at the State headquarters of the league, on Franklin Street, on Monday afternoon, although information as to the business transacted was not divulged until last night.

**Dr. Cannon's Statement.**  
The following statement is made by Dr. Cannon as to the situation from the league's standpoint, the committee's instructions to its workers on the State-wide prohibition question, and his personal views:

"The reports of the field workers were very interesting and suggestive. During the interval since the last meeting of the committee, elections have been held on the question of the sale of liquor in Blackstone, Franklin, Radford, Bristol, Harrisonburg, Shenandoah, Staunton, Woodstock, Roanoke and Rocky Mount. In the Blackstone election only three voters out of a registered list of over 150, were cast for the saloon. Franklin, Radford and Woodstock were dry by a majority of 92, 42, 59 and 3, respectively. The majority in these towns and cities were so small and were obtained by such an expenditure of money in a 'gun shot' campaign, and were attended by such questionable means, that they are not to be taken as a majority of the virtue and intelligence of every one of these communities is in favor of the abolition of the saloon, and the saloon nuisance was fastened upon every one of these communities by the local liquor dealers, who showed a strong community sentiment against the saloon. 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